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1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS EXCERPTED FROM [redacted] B1

A) ON NOVEMBER 16, 1977 OSCAR RUBEN DE GREGORIO MARCONI, IDENTIFIED AS THE COORDINATOR OF MONTONERO ACTIVITIES IN URUGUAY AND BRAZIL, WAS CAPTURED BY URUGUAYAN AUTHORITIES WHILE ATTEMPTING TO ENTER URUGUAY VIA COLONIA. WHEN ARRESTED, SUBJECT WAS USING FALSE ARGENTINE DOCUMENTATION IN THE NAME OF MANUEL FERNANDO DEL CORAZON DE JESUS MANTARAS. SEVERAL GRENADES AND A .38 REVOLVER WERE ALSO FOUND IN HIS POSSESSION.

B) AFTER THE ARREST, ADIA MARCONI DE GREGORIO, MOTHER OF SUBJECT WHO LIVES IN BUENOS AIRES, WAS CONTACTED BY UNKNOWN PERSONS AND WAS ASKED TO COME TO MONTEVIDEO TO ASSIST HER SON. WHEN SHE ARRIVED SHE RECEIVED A PACKET OF LETTERS TO BE SENT TO GOU OFFICIALS ON BEHALF OF HER SON, AND INSTRUCTIONS TO GO TO THE US EMBASSY, RED CROSS AND U.N. REFUGEE COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS FOR ASSISTANCE. INSTEAD, SHE SOUGHT ADVICE AT THE ARGENTINE EMBASSY HERE AND WAS TOLD NOT TO SIGN THE LETTERS, AND TO RETURN TO BUENOS AIRES, WHICH SHE DID [redacted] IT IS CLEAR THE TERRORIST MOVEMENT WAS TRYING TO INVOLVE THE U.S. EMBASSY AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN A CAMPAIGN DESIGNED TO SAVE DE GREGORIO'S LIFE.)

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C) REPORTEDLY, ONE OF THE PERSONS CAPTURED IN THE DEC. 16 ROUNDUP OF ARGENTINE MONTONEROS IN URUGUAY (REF B), BUT NOT NAMED IN THE OFFICIAL PRESS STATEMENT BY THE GOU, WAS DE GREGORIO'S WIFE.

D) AFTER INTERROGATION BY GOU AUTHORITIES AT THE FUSILEROS NAVALES FACILITY IN MONTEVIDEO, DE GREGORIO WAS QUIETLY TURNED OVER TO ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES IN KEEPING WITH THE CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN GOU AND GOA SECURITY FORCES.

2. EMBASSY COMMENT [redacted] NOTES THAT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF INFORMATION ARE PRESENTLY CIRCULATING WITHIN INTERESTED GOU CIRCLES AND WOULD NOT BE TRACEABLE TO SOURCE:

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A) THAT DE GREGORIO WAS APPREHENDED BY URUGUAYAN AUTHORITIES WHILE ATTEMPTING TO ENTER THE COUNTRY USING FALSE DOCUMENTATION; B) THAT, WHEN ARRESTED, DE GREGORIO HAD IN HIS POSSESSION A .38 CALIBER REVOLVER AND SEVERAL HAND GRENADES; C) THAT HE IS A KNOWN MONTONERO MEMBER AND ACTIVE TERRORIST; AND D) THAT HE HAS BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES.

3. [redacted] NO OBJECTION TO THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN PARA TWO BEING PROVIDED TO AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL OR OTHER NON-USG INQUIRERS.

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4. EMBASSY BUENOS AIRES MAY WISH TO COMMENT ON DE GREGORIO'S ALLEGED TERRORIST ANTECEDENTS.

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